

REMARKS

A final office action was mailed on February 4, 2005 in the instant application for pending claims 69-87. The examiner rejected claims 69-73, 75, 77, and 78, and claims 74, 76, and 79 were objected to. Claims 80-87 remain in allowable form.

In the amendment above, Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice and without acquiescence to any rejections, claims 69-79. While claims 74, 76, and 79 were objected to, there was no explanation set forth in the office action for the basis of the objection. Applicants therefore reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these now-cancelled claims in further continuing applications.

Claims 80-87, already determined by the examiner to be in allowable form, remain pending, and Applicants respectfully request that those claims pass to issuance. For clarity of the instant file history, it is noted that the Terminal Disclaimer previously filed by Applicants on August 1, 2003 related to the double patenting rejection of now cancelled claims 69-78, and therefore that Terminal Disclaimer does not apply to claims 80-87 or any patent issuing thereon.

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